

SPECIFICATION AND CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The specification has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. No new matter has been added. Claim 4 has also been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.


35 U.S.C. §112

The claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF REPLACED
PARAGRAPHS OF THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 6, fifth full paragraph (lines 11-13), the marked up paragraph is as follows:

Fig. 5 shows a detailed processing flow of a step of [noticing] notifying of a list of available date for delivery in the above delivery managing system;

Pages 10 and 11, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 10, line 14 to page 11, line 15, the marked up paragraph is as follows:

An example of the delivery information 121 is shown in Fig. 3 and an example of the delivery goods information 122 in Fig. 4. In case that a column 411 of the delivery schedule is blanked, it means that there is not yet determined the delivery schedule and the agent. If it is filled with numerals, it means scheduled date and time, and if it is filled with letters, it means the agent to be used. In case that the column 412 of delivery condition is blanked, it means that the delivery goods is located in the distribution center. If it is filled with numerals, it means the date and time of

completion of the delivery, and if it is filled with letters, it means that it is located in the agent. In a column 413 of delivery goods arrival date, there is contained a scheduled date of arrival to the distribution center which is transmitted through the communication network, or a date when the goods is actually carried into the distribution center. Compilation of the delivery information is necessary as a function on the distribution server. However, in the present embodiment, the delivery information is treated as if it has been already existing, therefore no explanation will be given on the compilation function of the delivery information. The "contract code", "delivery address", "delivery goods" and "electronic address for delivery" of the delivery goods information are information which were produced when the seller and the purchaser made the contract, and they are [noticed] notified or inputted from the seller.

MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A distribution server for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising;

means for inputting a schedule information of the receiver; and

[means for providing a delivery schedule and for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of said delivery schedule;]

means for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of said schedule information inputted;

wherein the delivery managing means setting date and time for its delivery operation to the receiver in the case the schedule information indicates delivery time of the delivery goods to the receiver, and outputting the delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent in case the schedule information indicates to commit receiving the delivery goods to the agent [means for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

means for determining date and time for delivery of the delivery goods and for deciding the agent to be used; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the

delivery goods to and from the agent to the receiver].

2. (Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for [providing a delivery schedule and for] managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of said delivery schedule;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network for connecting said distribution server and said agent server to one another;

means in the distribution server for receiving a request for specifying how to receive the delivery goods from the client;

[means for determining date and time for delivery of the delivery goods and for deciding the agent to be used; and]

means in the distribution server for sending the delivery goods information to the agent designated in the request; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of the distribution server or the receiver from the agent.

4. (Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for [providing a delivery schedule and for] managing delivery of the delivery goods;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network, through which a client, said agent server and said distribution server are connected to one another;

means for requesting a schedule information to said client;

means for receiving said schedule information from said client;

[means for determining date and time for delivery of the delivery of goods and for deciding the agent to be used, between said client and said distribution server;]

means for processing said schedule information received from the client;

means for determining data and time for delivery of goods to the client or outputting delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent, based on the processed

schedule information; and

[means for notifying at least one of said determined data and time for delivery and the agent to said client; and]

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of said distribution server and said client from the agent.